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VIRGINIA'S WHEAT PRODUCERS EXPECT LARGER CROP

The 2011 wheat crop is expected to total 17,160,000 bushels, according to the initial season forecast just released by the USDA/NASS Virginia Field Office. If realized, production will be up 9,000,000 bushels from 2010. Producers in the Commonwealth are expected to harvest 260,000 acres of wheat that will yield an average of 66 bushels per acre. As of early May, the majority of the wheat crop is in good to excellent condition.

U.S. WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 4 PERCENT FROM 2010

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 1.42 billion bushels, down 4 percent from 2010. Expected area for harvest as grain or seed totals 32.0 million acres, up 1 percent from last year. Based on May 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 44.5 bushels per acre, down 2.3 bushels from last year.

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